

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 3-4 have been amended as follows:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1(original): A recording medium driver, comprising:  
a tray housing a disc recording medium; and  
a recording/reproducing mechanism including a pickup mechanism provided in the tray and  
irradiating light on the disc recording medium, a pickup feed mechanism moving the pickup  
mechanism, and a flat cover having an opening cut along a feeding direction of the pickup  
mechanism, wherein

the flat cover is supported elastically in a direction toward and away from the tray, a recessed  
portion allowing the flat cover to move in the direction toward and away from the tray is formed, and  
a cover deformation restrictor is provided on at least one of the recessed portion and the flat cover  
to restrict deformation of the flat cover and prevent the flat cover from contacting to the disc  
recording medium upon dropping impact.

Claim 2 (original): The recording medium driver according to claim 1, wherein a clearance  
is defined between the cover deformation restrictor and the flat cover, the clearance not being closed,  
but being remained for allowing the recording/reproducing mechanism to vibrate in driven state.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The recording medium driver according to claim 1 [[or 2]],  
wherein the cover deformation restrictor is disposed in the vicinity of the opening.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The recording medium driver according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein the cover deformation restrictor is a cushion member.

Claim 5 (original): The recording medium driver according to claim 2, wherein the tray includes a flat portion confronting a plane of the disc recording medium, and a rising portion rising from the flat portion and having a wall confronting the outer circumferential surface of the disc recording medium, and the cover deformation restrictor is a thick portion integrally formed along circumferential direction of the wall of the rising portion.